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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence


THROUGH : Special Assistant to the DD/S&T *He*

SUBJECT : Article by Peter T. White Entitled, "The Camera Keeps Watch on the World",
Appearing in the New York Times Magazine
of 3 April 1966.

1. This memorandum is for your information only.
2. As requested, a preliminary analysis of the article by Peter T. White was conducted to determine whether it constitutes an unauthorized disclosure of satellite reconnaissance methodology and techniques. Office of Security records revealed no information concerning White.
3. Practically all of the information in the subject article concerning the development of the United States Satellite Program and its methodology has appeared in previously published overt materials. These include official releases and information released without authorization. It is believed that White drew upon an article by Howard Simons, "Fantastic Eye in the Sky," which appeared in the Washington Post of 8 December 1963. Simons, at that time, himself had drawn upon collated previously published materials including official releases and much of the technical information concerning the Satellite Program in the subject article is in the article by Simons.
4. The subject article does contain inaccuracies such as the reported development of a television camera in reconnaissance

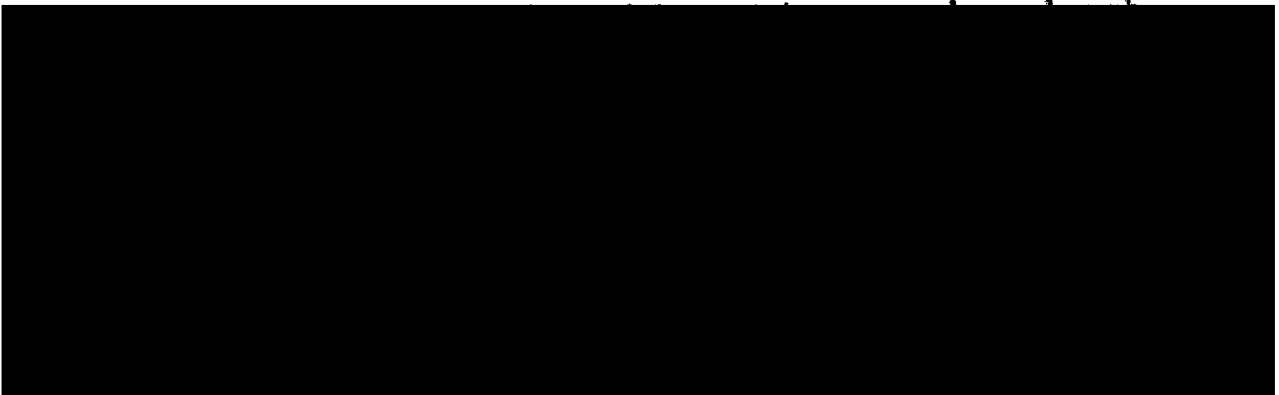
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satellites for preliminary scanning and the reported developing of films aloft. The technique of developing television films aloft is utilized currently only in United States Weather Satellite Programs (TIROS II).

5. White has reported newer techniques in commercial photography such as the "multispectral camera" which involves the use of several lenses and a variety of films. These techniques have been openly reported by commercial concerns and are of current interest to the National Aeronautical and Space Administration for use in overt programs. In his article, White indicates the possible military aspects of these techniques. It is felt that the application of these techniques to military purposes is a relatively easy surmise once the broad aspects of the satellite reconnaissance program have been made known.



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